

Here is to another prosperous 100 years of service.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOHN RICE IRWIN

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of John Rice Irwin, a renowned historian and the founder of east Tennessee's Museum of Appalachia. He recently passed away at 91 years of age.

John joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany during the Korean war. When he returned to east Tennessee, he began a career in education and became Anderson County Schools' youngest superintendent at the age of 31.

It was around this time John started collecting old-timey Appalachian items. John was fascinated by east Tennessee's rich cultural history, and he traveled around the region to collect artifacts and document stories of how the people lived long ago. He even bought a historic cabin and restored it to what it would have looked like when it was first built.

Madam Speaker, that little cabin became the Museum of Appalachia, which opened in 1969 and received around 600 visitors during its first year. John kept expanding the museum, and now it covers 65 acres, contains over 250,000 historical artifacts, and welcomes tens of thousands of guests each year. Anyone who visits the museum will recognize John's passion for the Appalachian heritage.

Former Tennessee Senator Lamar Alexander displayed loaned artifacts from John's museum in his Washington office until his retirement in 2020. These same artifacts are now on display in my Washington office, and I am reminded of John's incredible work each time I walk through the front door.

Rest in peace, brother. Thank you for telling the stories of our historic Appalachian community.

MILWAUKEE'S MURDER RATE

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As a child, I was always so proud of Milwaukee. You would look at the crime records or the crime numbers in the biggest cities around the country, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, along with San Diego, year after year had the lowest murder rate in the country.

It is, therefore, very disappointing to find out that at the end of last year Milwaukee, one more time, set their all-time record for murders, at 197. This is caused, I think, in no small part by politicians who scream racism and cause disrespect for the Milwaukee Po-

lice Department, and, therefore, the Milwaukee Police Department has to back off and not be aggressive, as Milwaukee continues to become more and more dangerous.

I can only hope in the future that politicians looking to make cheap points do not further denigrate the Milwaukee police and do not further cause Milwaukee to hit another record this year in total murders.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. NEWMAN). The Chair would clarify the earlier announcement. Pursuant to clause 5(d) of rule XX, the whole number of the House is 434.

52 WEEKS OF BROKEN PROMISES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, today, at least on one question, Americans are more united than ever before. This week, as we mark the 1-year mark of the Biden Presidency, the vast majority of the American people agree that the Biden Presidency has been a failure.

After 1 year in office, President Biden's approval rating is the lowest ever recorded after the first year in office of any President in American history.

Why is no mystery. By every measure, Americans are worse off today than when Biden took office. Inflation, crime, the debt, the border, Afghanistan, a never-ending pandemic, Americans have endured humiliation abroad and division at home, and all of these disasters are man-made.

Everyone knows why inflation is at a 40-year high. Everyone knows why Americans' wages have been cut by 3 percent or more. Democrats spent trillions and then passed the largest Federal budget in history.

How, in less than a year, did we go from energy independence to begging Saudi Arabia for oil? Well, maybe it has something to do with the President banning new natural gas production in the United States.

You see, the media wants to make things complicated. They want you to believe that no one really knows why you are paying close to \$4 per gallon at the pump. They want to separate the consequences of the last year from its cause. But don't be fooled, Madam Speaker.

There is a border crisis because the Biden administration stopped building the wall, cut deportations by 90 percent, and reversed every single one of President Trump's successful border enforcement measures.

Fentanyl is now the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18 to 45 be-

cause it, too, is pouring across a wide-open southern border. It is that simple.

Crime immediately shot up after Democrats' antipolice riots, because of Democrats' antipolice riots.

There are still hundreds of Americans stranded in Afghanistan because the Biden administration didn't prioritize its own citizens for evacuation.

President Biden's COVID policies do not work. That is why COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths all rose during the Biden Presidency. Americans endured mandatory vaccinations, pointless mask mandates, endless school closures, and never-ending Dr. Fauci interviews. And it was all for nothing.

Americans can see what is in front of them. That is why they have rejected this administration. The proof is in the pudding, and the pudding is stale.

The question is, can Americans endure 3 more years just like the last one? I believe that they can, but they shouldn't have to. That is why the Republican Study Committee is here tonight. We will hold the Biden administration accountable every step of the way. We will make sure that the past year of crises and catastrophes never repeats itself.

Madam Speaker, tonight, I will yield to a number of my colleagues, like the next speaker. The gentlewoman from the great State of Indiana (Mrs. WALORSKI) is going to share some thoughts with us.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, the American people have faced 52 weeks of broken promises.

The President who promised to unite the American people instead has pitted citizens against one another.

The President who promised to work with Americans across the political spectrum has prioritized a radical agenda that caters only to the extreme wing of his party.

The President who promised to protect the American people has left us vulnerable at the southern border and across the world.

The President who promised to build back better has only hindered America's economic recovery.

For a year, we have witnessed failure after failure. The American people have paid the price. Day after day, Hoosiers and Americans across the country experience the real ramifications of the Biden administration's policy agenda.

With inflation at a 40-year high, we are paying the price of the President's reckless spending during every trip to the grocery store and the gas station.

Despite spending trillions of dollars on the President's so-called rescue plan, we are facing escalating supply chain bottlenecks and workforce shortages with no end in sight.

Thanks to the Biden administration's open border policy, every town across America is a border town. As illicit drugs pour across the open southern border, including a 1,000 percent increase of fentanyl last year, every neighborhood is at risk.